

IN THE CLAIMS:

Entry of the following amendments to the claims is respectfully requested in order to place the claims into condition for allowance:

1-12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A heating and cooling supply business system, wherein a plurality of units of at least one of portable heating units and portable cooling units are provided to a user, each of the plurality of units is monitorable via a network including at least one of the Internet and an intranet, further wherein a variation in an amount of heating or cooling used by the user from each unit of the plurality of units is monitored at an administrator side of the network, a determination of whether to change at least one of a number of units provided to the user and a unit capacity of at least one of the units is based on the monitored variation in the amount of heating or cooling used by the user, and wherein, for units leased by the user, the user's lease charges are based on one of the monitored variation in the amount of heating and cooling used by the user and a charge for maintenance of the leased units.

14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) A heating and cooling supply business system according to claim 13, wherein, for units leased by the user, the user's lease charges are based on the amount of heating or cooling used by the user.

16. (previously presented) A heating and cooling supply business system according to claim 13, wherein the determination of whether to change at least one of a number of units provided to the user and a unit capacity of at least one of the units is based on the number of times a load of one of the plurality of units exceeds a predetermined load.

17. (previously presented) A heating and cooling supply business system according to claim 13, wherein the determination of whether to change at least one of a number of units provided to the user and a unit capacity of at least one of the units is based on the number of times a load of one of the plurality of units is below a predetermined load.

18. (previously presented) A heating and cooling supply business system according to claim 13, wherein a monitoring depot monitors the plurality of units, an administration depot determines whether to change the number of units or change capacity of units, and the depots share data on at least one Internet server.

19. (previously presented) A heating and cooling supply business system, wherein a user is provided by an administrator with a plurality of self-contained portable heating and/or cooling units, each equipped with an evaporative condenser, wherein an amount of heating and/or cooling by each unit used by the user or a variation in the amount of heating and/or cooling is monitored at an administrator side via a network including at least one of the Internet and an intranet, further wherein a determination of whether to change at least one of a number of units provided to the user and a unit capacity of at least one of the units is based on the monitored variation in the amount of heating or cooling used by the user.